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Cobb and Cherokee Counties...

Construction on NWC Express Lanes Requires Traffic Shift on Hickory Grove

WHAT: Paving and traffic shift onto the new bridge roadway with one lane in each direction in order to demolish and reconstruct the south side of the bridge.

Editor's Note: Images included.

WHEN: Paving operations:

Tuesday, April 5th during the off-peak hours of 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
(*alternate rain delay date is Wednesday, April 6th.*)

Traffic Shift:

Wednesday, April 6th during the off-peak hours of 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (*alternate rain delay date is Thursday April 7th.*)

WHERE: Eastbound and westbound traffic on Hickory Grove Bridge over I-75 will be flagged between Shiloh and Hamby Roads for paving operations and to install the traffic shift. The shift is expected to remain in place through spring 2017 when the entire bridge will be opened to traffic.

WHY: The Hickory Grove Road Bridge over I-75 is currently being reconstructed in stages to make room for the new express lane under construction in the I-75 median and to accommodate the alignment of a new reversible ramp for the express lanes interchange at Hickory Grove Road.

Once the project is completed, the new Hickory Grove Bridge and reversible ramp will serve as the northern-most dedicated Express Lanes interchange on I-75. The new Express Lanes interchange will look similar to those for the existing general purpose lanes, except gates will block access to the section that is closed. This new interchange will provide access to the Express Lanes only, along with a traffic signal at the new intersection that will be synchronized with the traffic signals at Shiloh and Hamby Roads.

The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes will offer reliable travel options and improved mobility in the I-75/I-575 corridor by adding 29.7 miles of toll lanes along I-75 from Akers Mill Road to Hickory Grove Road and along I-575 from I-75 to Sixes Road. For more information about this project, upcoming traffic impacts and lane closures visit the project website at www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/NWC or call 678-486-3767.



Traffic will be shifted from the south side of the existing bridge to the newly constructed north side of the bridge at Hickory Grove over I-75.



Northwest Corridor Express Lanes access point map depicting the final configuration of the new express lane and ramp at Hickory Grove Road and I-75.

Note: Over the next several months, additional traffic impacts and lane closures will be required on Hickory Grove Road and Interstate 75 to facilitate both bridge and roadway work in this area. Please visit the project website to stay informed, or email northwestcorridor@dot.ga.gov to subscribe to weekly traffic alerts.

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